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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PRESS REACTION TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

BELL'S CHICAGO SPEECH.

REF: STATE 188043

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AUGUST 8 SPEECH ON THE PRINCIPLE OF COMITY IN APPLYING ANTI-TRUST LAW HAS DRAWN SURPRISINGLY LIGHT REACTION FROM CANADIAN PRESS--WITH COMMENT FOCUSING ON ASPECTS INVOLVING CANADA AND INTERPRETING SPEECH AS ASSERTIVE.

2. CANADIAN PRESS COMMENT TO DATE ON ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL'S CHICAGO SPEECH, REFTEL, HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THREE ARTICLES. REUTERS REPORT DATED CHICAGO IN TORONTO STAR AUG. 9 QUOTED PASSAGES FROM SPEECH AND COMMENTED THAT IT "CONTAINED AN ATTACK ON THE POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING SUCH STAUNCH ALLIES AS GREAT BRITAIN, CANADA, WEST GERMANY, AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS THAT HAVE PASSED LAWS TO PREVENT PERSONS WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES FROM COOPERATING WITH THE U.S." THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY EDITORIAL IN AUGUST 13 ISSUE HEADLINED "U.S. LAWS CAN'T APPLY IN CANADA", CAST IN ITS TYPICALLY ANTI-U.S. VEIN, SAYING "THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ALL WET IF HE THINKS HE CAN MAKE CANADIANS LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS

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IN THIS COUNTRY BOW TO U.S. LAWS AND SUBPOENAS."

3. ARTICLE IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL AUGUST 12, BY JOHN PICTON, GLOBE AND MAIL CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON, FOCUSED ON CONGRESSIONAL URANIUM CARTEL INVESTIGATION BUT ALSO TOUCHED ON ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL'S SPEECH. IT STATED THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS WERE SURPRISED AT WHAT

BELL SAID AND INTERPRETED HIS SPEECH AS BEING "HAWKISH."  
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